

Minutes of the Southern Energy Co-operative Ltd Board meeting, 31 March 1997, 172 Skye Road, Frankston

Present: A. Gourley (Chair), R. Greaves, Lois Wishart and David Griffiths  
Absent: Greg Wishart

1 That a share be allotted to  
Greg Wishart - One Share No 72

David Griffiths reported that on 23 March 1997 \$150 had been deposited with the Piccol Community Credit Union as follows:

David Griffiths	Shareholding payment	\$4
Phylomene Tenni	Shareholding payment	\$46
John Kelly	Donation	\$50
Phylomene Tenni	Publications purchase	\$50

David Griffiths tabled Phylomene Tenni's resignation of 24 March 1997.  
Lois Wishart resigned as board members of Southern Energy Co-operative.  
Phylomene Tenni:

2 That Phylomene Tenni's resignation be accepted and that we write to her expressing our appreciation of her continuing support.  
M. David Griffiths S. Lois Wishart CARRIED

#### Auditor

3 That a payment of \$100 to Pohjov, Mulhall & Associates be authorised.  
M. Richard Greaves S. David Griffiths CARRIED

#### Auditing Requirements

David Griffiths tabled a proposal from Phylomene Tenni.  
I wish to move that the employment of Pohjov Mulhall & Associates as auditors be terminated as they are unnecessary under the new Act.

It was noted that at the First AGM on 29 April 1996 that the following resolution had been passed:  
That the Secretary write to the Registrar regarding the disproportionate financial disadvantage experienced by small co-operatives with limited income because of current auditing requirements and that a copy of the letter be forwarded to the Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd for information and possible action.

The Secretary reported that he had discussed the issue with the Secretary of the Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd, Mr Tony Gill, who was not sympathetic.

It was agreed that the Secretary would continue to pursue the matter of auditing requirements.

#### Consumer Survey

The Secretary reported that he had discussed the consumer survey with the Waverley Trading Co-operative Limited and that it had been redrafted. The redrafted survey was tabled for comment within the next ten days. It was noted that it had not been formally submitted to the Waverley Trading Co-operative Limited.

#### Recommendations

A discussion followed on recruitment and the need for a leaflet outlining the co-operative's objects and reasons for joining. It was also suggested that members should be encouraged to recruit members and that a prize should be awarded to the member who recruited the most new members.

It was suggested that the prize be a smart lamp and Bob Gourley agreed to approach manufacturers and/or distributors about providing smart lamps for prizes.

#### Newsletter

It was agreed that at the next Board meeting the content for a proposed newsletter would be finalised. Suggestions were:

1. Announcing recruitment campaign and prize(s).
2. Inviting voluntary subscription payments to cover the cost of producing and distributing a newsletter to keep members informed.
3. Consumer survey.

#### Victorian Council of Social Service

The Secretary reported on discussions with the Victorian Council of Social Service on consumer education and the development of a co-operative submission to the Victorian Government.

#### Electric Industry Co-operative TaskForce

The Secretary reported on the membership of the TaskForce and the preparation of a Scoping Study.

Next Meeting: 7.30 pm 21 April 1997, 172 Skye Road, Frankston

*B K Gourley 3/4/97*